

Develop NOAA/State Coordination and Technical Support

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The development of the Historical Tsunami DataBase for the U.S. Pacific Coast (HTDB/US) has been completed. The final version of the HTDB/US will run on Windows 95, 98, 2000 and NT 4.0. A significant amount of editing has been done on the tsunami heights database to standardize the entries for "Region" and "Area" and geographical coordinates have been entered for more than 100 new locations. Listings of tsunami heights in the database have been provided to all States for quality control of the county names used as the Area identifier for individual sites in the database. The plan is to periodically place the updated tsunami heights database (tdatapac.hei in the folder "Point") on the Pacific Region Headquarters FTP site (ftp://ftp.nws.noaa.gov/htdb). By June 1, 2001 this site will contain all of the programs/files related to the HTDB/US. Information on the availability of updates, etc. will be sent to TSUHAZ.

Although not directly related to the NTHMP discussions between the IOC ICG/ITSU and IOCARIBE on the establishment of a tsunami Warning system for the Caribbean area began last December with a plan to develop a program proposal for the consideration by ICG/ITSU at their October meeting in Cartegena. A beta version of HTDB/Atlantic that is based on the HTDB/US shell should be available for testing about June 2001.

The NWS Regions were requested to update the list of Warning Coordination Meteorologists at the coastal Weather Forecast Offices. The States are encouraged to update the list of County Emergency Managers.